



December 2, 2011



The Franklin Firefighters 4th Annual Toy and Clothing Drive is happening now. To contribute, stop by any Franklin Fire Station, City Hall or Avenue Bank in Cool Springs, and select a card from the Christmas fire hydrant toy drive display with a child's specific gift request on it. New, unwrapped gifts should be returned with request cards to the collection stations by December 9th.

Monetary donations are accepted as well and all contributions are tax deductible. Additionally, firefighters are selling t-shirts to help raise funds for

the event. Long sleeve brown shirts (\$20) and short sleeve navy shirts (\$15) are available in adult sizes at the Franklin Fire Department's administrative offices in City Hall, and at Avenue Bank.

Since 2008, the toy and clothing drive has benefitted more than 800 children throughout Williamson County. "Every year the outpouring from the community has been phenomenal and it just continues to grow. We're so thankful for the generosity everyone has shown us," said Captain Clay Mackey, who is one of the event organizers. He added, "And all of the gifts stay here in our community to help Williamson County children." Read more here

<http://www.franklinton.gov/index.aspx?page=25&recordid=1166>



We thought we'd try something new this year during the holidays. We noticed many of you enjoy decorating your offices during the holidays. We thought we would have a **door decorating contest**. We'll judge them the day of the Christmas Breakfast on December 16th. Everyone is invited to participate, including those not in City Hall. Please let Milissa.reierson@franklinton.gov know if you have a door that we need to include in the contest and we will get the judging team over to see it prior to the Christmas Breakfast! The grand prize is a **PIZZA PARTY** with me and Mayor Ken Moore for the office with the winning door. We'll award the prize in January. We'll also award **runner up prizes for "Best Theme" and "Most Bling."** Have fun decorating, Can't wait to see what you come up with!



We celebrated two monumental events this week, the Illumination Ceremony commemorating the 147th Battle of Franklin and the Annual Christmas Tree lighting on the square. Many departments worked together to make these events a success. Thanks to **Planning, Parks, Streets, Maintenance, Admin/Finance Volunteers and the Communications division, including Franklin TV.** We believe the Tree Lighting had the highest attendance on record. At least that's according to the ol' timers. ☺ Special thanks to Streets for

creating our new “Christmas Switch” and our Nutcracker Tree Guards. Also to Sherry and Billy Lovett for providing our Santa. Below are some pics from each event.



The Franklin Parks Department is proud to announce that **Mr. Trey Childress, Parks Maintenance Worker** has successfully completed the Certified Playground Safety Inspectors (CPSI) training for the second time within the department. He was recertified in November 2011 and looks forward to continuing the high standards this national certification requires for citizens of all ages who utilize playgrounds within the City of Franklin. The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department has sent personnel to obtain a CPSI



certification in order to provide and comply with the necessary safety standards held in such high regard for municipal owned and operated playgrounds. Monthly, each playground within the park system is inspected and documented for any safety hazards. Way to go Trey! Pictured is Trey Childress (right) with a local eagle scout Garrett Boucher(left)...completing a shade structure project for Pinkerton Park in 2011.

Deann Kraft in Finance is the winner for the Mayor's parking spot next week. Shirley Harmon, of Human Resources nominated Deann. She said, *"I would like to nominate Deann Kraft of the Finance Department. Each time I call or email a request for statistical information to her, she responds immediately with courtesy and efficiency. She does Franklin proud"* **Deann can begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, December 7. Surely you have seen SOMEONE going above and beyond at work. If you have, nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov .**

Have a great weekend and don't forget the Annual Franklin Kiwanis Christmas Parade is happening tomorrow at 2pm in Downtown Franklin.

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